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Minutes of May 20, 2010

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Thursday, May 20, 2010, in room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

- Senator Kuipers called the meeting to order at 2:35 P.M. The roll of the Committee was called by the Committee Clerk:

Senator Kuipers – Present
Senator VanWoerkom – Present
Senator Cassis – Excused
Senator Whitmer – Present
Senator Gleason – Present

Agenda

- Approve minutes from March 18, 2010.

Motion by Senator Gleason to approve the minutes from March 18, 2010 was supported by Senator Van Woerkom.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator VanWoerkom – Yes
Senator Cassis – Excused
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Gleason – Yes

- **HB 5363** Rep. Haines
Transportation; school vehicles; provision regarding waivers for school bus driver safety education certification; modify.
- Representative Haines gave a brief introduction of HB 5363
- Howard "Mac" Dashney, representing the Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation, spoke in favor of HB 5363.
- Chris Hawkins, representing the Michigan State Police, did not wish to speak and supports HB 5363.

- Lisa Hansknecht, representing the Michigan Department of Education, did not wish to speak and supports HB 5363.
- Motion by Sen. VanWoerkom to adopt the S-4 substitute of HB 5363 was supported by Sen. Gleason.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
 Senator VanWoerkom – Yes
 Senator Cassis – Excused
 Senator Whitmer – Yes
 Senator Gleason – Yes

- Motion by Sen. VanWoerkom to report the S-4 version of HB 5363 with favorable recommendation for passage and immediate effect was supported by Sen. Gleason.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
 Senator VanWoerkom – Yes
 Senator Cassis – Excused
 Senator Whitmer – Yes
 Senator Gleason – Yes

- **SB 1014** Sen. Prusi
 Education; curricula; native American tribal language and culture class; allow to be taught by noncertificated teacher in certain circumstances and to be applied to curricular requirements.
- Matt Kurta, representing Senator Prusi, deferred to the tribal representatives to introduce SB 1014.
- Kenneth Meshigaud, the Tribal Chairman of the Hannahville Indian Community, and Dawn Hill, representing the Hannahville Indian Community gave an introduction of SB 1014 and spoke in support of the bill.
- Earl Meshigaud, Sr., representing the Hannahville Indian Community, spoke in support of SB 1014.
- Ed Pigeon, representing the Gun Lake Tribe, spoke in support of SB 1014.
- Dr. Linda Keway, representing the Michigan Education Association, spoke in support of the bill with amendments.
- Lisa Hansknecht, representing the Michigan Department of Education, did not wish to speak and supports SB 1014.
- DJ Hoffman and Tom Miller, representing the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, did not wish to speak and support SB 1014.
- Steve Scofes, representing the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, did not wish to speak and

supports SB 1014.

- Motion by Sen. Whitmer to report out SB 1014 with favorable recommendation for passage and immediate effect was supported by Sen. Gleason.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator VanWoerkom – Yes
Senator Cassis – Excused
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Gleason – Yes

- Senator Kuipers adjourned the meeting at 3:09 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Englin, Clerk

Wayne Kuipers, Chair

Date Approved